

## ST. THERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH – Sunny Hills

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**“There is no higher dignity than to serve Christ.” - St. Ambrose**

**“Thus it will be at the end of the age.  
The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous  
and throw them into the fiery furnace,  
where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.”**



The parishioners of St. Theresa and Fr. Paul Moody welcome everyone as we gather to worship.

### The Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time and the Seventeenth Week of OT

July 25 Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 pm  
Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Intention: + Karl H, Moody  
Reader:

July 26 Sunday Mass 9:00 am  
Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Intention: Sr. Anna Szostek  
Reader: Mark

July 27 Monday Mass 8:00 am  
Seventeenth Week of Ordinary Time

Intention: + Helena Rokosz

July 30 Thursday Mass 8:00 am  
Seventeenth Week of Ordinary Time

Intention: Sr. Natalia Kwiatek

July 31 Friday Adoration 7:00am – 8:00am  
Seventeenth Week of OT Mass 8:00 am

Intention: Dennis Knight & Family

August 1 Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 pm  
Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Intention: Gabriella, Patrick ,David  
Reader: Regina

August 2 Sunday Mass 9:00 am  
Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Intention: Dominique, Justin, Trevon  
Reader: Sal



**WSZYSTKIEGO NAJLEPSZEGO  
Z OKAZJI URODZIN!**

**Sr. Natalia is celebrating her  
Birthday on Wednesday July  
29<sup>th</sup>. Wish her**

**A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY!  
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**Burse Club:** The Burse Club prays for and raises money to educate future priests for our Diocese. Your donations to this worthy cause are very much appreciated!

**"In the Church, "there are water and tears: the water of Baptism and the tears of repentance."– St. Ambrose**

**Dear Lord, please watch over your precious child Naomi. Wrap her in your loving arms, ease her pain, and bring healing to her body. Please also grant her family strength, wisdom, and peace during this difficult time. Amen.**

**Prayer Requests:** We continue to pray for all of our parishioners who are sick and for the people who care for them. Please pray for all of the members of our Armed Forces, for all of our Law Enforcement Officers, especially Deputy David Zurawska, and firefighters, especially David Shepherd, as they risk their lives to keep us safe.



There are special prayer requests for Chavet Paridon, Naomi Parrish, Hien Nguyen, Zofia Svedman, Matas Baltus, Steve Bertrand, David Hilty, Brian Paridon, Caroline, Jess, Chris Andrews, Jessica Stephens, Janet Kaufman, Sr. Anna Szostek, Ed Lang, Paul Day, Alvera Seluga, Larry Arnold, Susan & David Estes, Gerry Sott, Cathy Andrews, Stanley & Jadwiga Kuc, Gail & Ralph Rowbotham, Jennifer Nason, Mrs. Maria Doniec, Joana Macijauskas, Mrs. Ann Ivers, Vida Nakas, Maria Antoniewicz, Glen Zanetic, Anna Jarzabek, Winifred & Steve Flowers, and Bruce Paridon. Please remember to pray each day for the souls in purgatory and for our fellow parishioners at St. Theresa.

**Just a Reminder:** If you need to be anointed or need the sacrament of Reconciliation, please call our Office and set up a time, or let Fr. Paul know in person.

**"A tree is known by its fruit; a man by his deeds. A good deed is never lost; he who sows courtesy reaps friendship, and he who plants kindness gathers love." - St. Basil**

**We thank our parishioners and guests for their continued generosity.**

| St. Theresa Offertory | June 2026      | June 2025      | Total for This FY<br>(July 2025 – June 2026) | Total for Prior FY<br>(July 2024 – June 2025) |
|-----------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
|                       | \$ 7988        | \$ 10100       | \$ 100165                                    | \$ 91797                                      |
|                       |                |                |                                              |                                               |
| CSA for 2026          | Goal           | Pledged        | Received                                     |                                               |
|                       | <b>\$ 7500</b> | <b>\$ 8288</b> | <b>\$ 7787</b>                               |                                               |

**I am incredibly grateful for the continuing generosity of the parishioners and guests of our parish. I understand your financial contributions represent a sacrifice on your part for the good of our whole community. This is never out of my thoughts.**

**"You are priests, not social or political leaders. Let us not be under the illusion that we are serving the Gospel through an exaggerated interest in the wide field of temporal problems." - St. Pope John Paul II**

"Christ, 'holy, innocent, and undefiled,' knew nothing of sin, but came only to expiate the sins of the people. The Church, however, clasping sinners to her bosom, at once holy and always in need of purification, follows constantly the path of penance and renewal." All members of the Church, including her ministers, must acknowledge that they are sinners. In everyone, the weeds of sin will still be mixed with the good wheat of the Gospel until the end of time. Hence the Church gathers sinners already caught up in Christ's salvation but still on the way to holiness. [CCC – 827]

**Why A Sacrament of Reconciliation after Baptism?** "You were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God." One must appreciate



the magnitude of the gift God has given us in the sacraments of Christian initiation in order to grasp the degree to which sin is excluded for him who has "put on Christ. "But the apostle John also says: "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us." And the Lord himself taught us to pray: "Forgive us our trespasses," linking our forgiveness of one another's offenses to the forgiveness of our sins that God will grant us. *Conversion* to Christ, the new birth of Baptism, the gift of the Holy Spirit and the Body and Blood of Christ received as food have made us "holy and without blemish," just as the Church herself, the Bride of Christ, is "holy and without blemish." Nevertheless the new life received in Christian initiation has not abolished the frailty and weakness of human nature, nor the inclination to sin that tradition calls *concupiscence*, which remains in the baptized such that with the help of the grace of Christ they may prove themselves in the struggle of Christian life. This is the struggle of *conversion* directed toward holiness and eternal life to which the Lord never ceases to call us.

**The Conversion of the Baptized:** Jesus calls to conversion. This call is an essential part of the proclamation of the kingdom: "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the gospel." In the Church's preaching this call is addressed first to those who do not yet know Christ and his Gospel. Also, Baptism is the principal place for the first and fundamental conversion. It is by faith in the Gospel and by Baptism that one renounces evil and gains salvation, that is, the forgiveness of all sins and the gift of new life. Christ's call to conversion continues to resound in the lives of Christians. This *second conversion* is an uninterrupted task for the whole Church who, "clasping sinners to her bosom, [is] at once holy and always in need of purification, [and] follows constantly the path of penance and renewal." This endeavor of conversion is not just a human work. It is the movement of a "contrite heart," drawn and moved by grace to respond to the merciful love of God who loved us first. St. Peter's conversion after he had denied his master three times bears witness to this. Jesus' look of infinite mercy drew tears of repentance from Peter and, after the Lord's resurrection, a threefold affirmation of love for him. The second conversion also has a *communitarian* dimension, as is clear in the Lord's call to a whole Church: "Repent!"

[CCC 1425-1428]

Every man receives his eternal recompense in his immortal soul from the moment of his death in a particular judgment by Christ, the judge of the living and the dead. "We believe that the souls of all who die in Christ's grace . . . are the People of God beyond death. On the day of resurrection, death will be definitively conquered, when these souls will be reunited with their bodies". "We believe that the multitude of those gathered around Jesus and Mary in Paradise forms the Church of heaven, where in eternal blessedness they see God as he is and where they are also, to various degrees, associated with the holy angels in the divine governance exercised by Christ in glory, by interceding for us and helping our weakness by their fraternal concern". Those who die in God's grace and friendship imperfectly purified, although they are assured of their eternal salvation, undergo a purification after death, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of God. By virtue of the "communion of saints," the Church commends the dead to God's mercy and offers her prayers, especially the holy sacrifice of the Eucharist, on their behalf. Following the example of Christ, the Church warns the faithful of the "sad and lamentable reality of eternal death" , also called "hell." Hell's principal punishment consists of eternal separation from God in whom alone man can have the life and happiness for which he was created and for which he longs. The Church prays that no one should be lost: "Lord, let me never be parted from you." If it is true that no one can save himself, it is also true that God "desires all men to be saved" , and that for him "all things are possible" "The holy Roman Church firmly believes and confesses that on the Day of Judgment all men will appear in their own bodies before Christ's tribunal to render an account of their own deeds" At the end of time, the Kingdom of God will come in its fullness. Then the just will reign with Christ for ever, glorified in body and soul, and the material universe itself will be transformed. God will then be "all in all" in eternal life. [CCC 1051-1060]

**“Sorrow for sin is indeed necessary, but it should not be an endless preoccupation.**

**You must dwell also on the glad remembrance of God's loving-kindness;  
otherwise, sadness will harden the heart and lead it more deeply into despair.”**

**- St. Bernard**

### **Prayer for Peace**

**“O blessed Jesus give me stillness of soul in You.**

**Let Your mighty calmness reign in me.**

**Rule in me Christ, O King of Gentleness, King of Peace.”**

**Amen.**

**( St. John of the Cross)**

**“Who is there that can adequately gauge the greatness of the humility, gentleness,  
self-surrender, revealed by the Lord of majesty in assuming human nature, in  
accepting the punishment of death, the shame of the cross?” - St. Bernard**